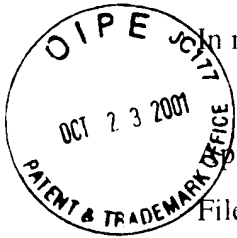


**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**



In re application of:

Jacques MALLET *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/254,617

Filed: March 22, 1999

For: METHOD FOR TREATING  
AMYOTROPHIC LATERAL SCLEROSIS

Art Unit: 1632

Examiner: A. Baker

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Office Action of May 23, 2001 (Paper No. 10), applicants request reconsideration. As explained below, the application is in condition for allowance.

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants respectfully request a two (2) month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for responding to the Office Action mailed on May 23, 2001. Accordingly, the time for response is extended up to and including October 23, 2001. A payment form for the appropriate fee is attached. In the event of any variance between the fee enclosed and the fee required, please charge or credit the variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-1129. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee required to keep this application pending to Deposit Account No. 50-1129.